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To: Washington Field

Attn: AMERITHRAX

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Synopsis: To notify Washington Field of a subject of potential investigative interest concerning on-going Anthrax investigations.

Enclosures: Results of Internet searches and [Redacted] are enclosed in a 1A envelope.

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Details: On 11/22/2001, Special Agent [Redacted] New York Office (NYO) Squad I-8 (TDY I-44) became aware via public source information of an investigation currently on-going by the Memphis (Tennessee) Police Department concerning the suspicious disappearance of Doctor DON C. WILEY, a Harvard University Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics.

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On 11/16/2001, at about 4:00 a.m., a car rented by WILEY was found abandoned on the Hernando DeSoto Bridge, which crosses the Mississippi River in Memphis. The keys were in the ignition and the gas tank was full. Memphis Police are currently investigating the situation and have not found any signs of foul as of 11/23/2001. WILEY's age in one news article is listed as fifty-seven (57).

WILEY was attending the annual meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and was last seen dinner on Thursday, 11/15/2001. The Board had held meetings on both 11/14/2001 and 11/15/2001.

Public news sources did not indicate that the Bureau was involved in the matter. A check of ACS did not reveal any records for WILEY.

See Exhibit 1A 315.

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Internet checks on DON C. WILEY revealed the following information. WILEY is a co-founder of the HARRISON/WILEY LABORATORY, Harvard University. WILEY research centers on the mechanisms by which glycoproteins carry out complex functions on the membranes of viruses and cells, including influenza viruses. WILEY's research includes studies of HIV, Herpes and the Ebola Virus.

A [redacted] record check revealed a record for a DON C. WILEY, date of birth circa 1945, social security number 153-34-9229, residential address 16 Brown Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, telephone number 876-7645. This same record also indicates that the social security number was issued in the state of New Jersey.

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NYO submits this communication to the AMERITHRAX investigation based on initial and limited investigative indicators and fully recognizes that the following summations are loosely supported.

The behavioral assessment released by the Bureau on 11/09/2001 indicates that the potential suspect is an adult male, who may work in a laboratory, who has access to Anthrax and possesses the knowledge to refine it, and has access to laboratory equipment. NYO opines that WILEY's position and stature in the research field would easily provide him with such access and knowledge.

NYO opines that the lack of signs of foul play and the manner of which WILEY's rental car was abandoned on a river bridge may support a death by suicide theory. As such, the grounds behind a decision to commit suicide should be considered. NYO opines that the deaths of non-targeted Anthrax victims may cause substantial remorse, which could be a predicate for suicide.

In addition, WILEY's social security number appears to have been issued in New Jersey. As such, WILEY's familial, residential, educational and employment history would have to be detailed to determine links if any to the Trenton, New Jersey area.

NYO requests that WFO consider the points outlined in this communication and determine whether or not WILEY's background and disappearance should be further explored by the Memphis and Boston Divisions. NYO has enclosed the Internet search [redacted] results for the information of WFO.

No further information.